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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th August, 1881.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the half-year ended 30th June, 1881, on or before September 30th, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1881.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong, **Mr. ROBERT COOKE** will act as Secretary.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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M. S. TONNOCHY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th August, 1881.

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New Customs publication—Opium.

Rawlinson's Ancient Egypt.

The Talmud.

The Koran.

Supplement to Spon's Dictionary of Engineering.

House Owner's Estimator.

Modern Alphabets.

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Dr. Eitel's Cantonese Dictionary Vol. 3.

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Home Book—A Domestic Cyclopaedia.
The Peking Gazette, 1880 (translation).

Chesterfield's Letters.
Canon Farrar's "Mercy and Judgment."

Dictionary of Poetical Quotations.
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Injurious Insects and methods of prevention.

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THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1881.

THE most noteworthy incidents in our local world of commerce during the past half-year, have been in connection with the extraordinary transactions relating to house property, about which a great deal has already been said and written. Commencing a few months back in a comparatively small way, this house property epidemic rapidly spread all over the colony, until at the present moment it finds lucrative occupation for hundreds of brokers of all classes, ranging from the humblest class of tout, up to our highest and most respected merchants; whilst small fortunes are being rapidly made by solicitors out of conveyancing business alone.

Reported sales of properties have in many instances approached the sensational. We have heard of houses rising in value as much as five hundred per cent. in less than a month without any apparent cause. Even the Head of the Government was so impressed with the wonderful increase in value of landed properties, the noteworthy circumstance that everything apparently passed into Chinese hands, doubtless having some effect on His Excellency's mind, that in a speech to the Legislative Council he congratulated the Colony on its augmented prosperity as evidenced by the great demand for house property by the Chinese, and the increased value of the same. As the greater portion of our trade is gradually, but surely passing into the hands of the Chinese, a demand for centrally situated properties is a natural consequence of probable changes, and the increase in value is merely the effect of this new development. But the dealing in houses has not been confined to central districts. There has been quite as much bargaining over miserable shanties in Taipingshan, as there has been in the best quarters of the Queen's-road, and the results have been in both districts almost identical. We are desirous, after having devoted a good deal of personal attention to the subject in its various phases, of submitting to the public a statement of facts and deductions on which we base our conviction that this notorious dealing in property is a snare and a delusion, a pernicious

system of so-called commercial enterprise bolstered up by false pretences, embodying in its many aspects corrupt and rotten principles, which we regret to have seen fostered and encouraged for miserable purposes of gain by the recognised representatives of an honorable mercantile community. In plain words we contend that these pretended sales have been nothing more nor less than illegitimate gaming speculations of a reprehensible character generally, surrounded in many instances by discreditable circumstances which cannot be justified either legally or morally.

In the ordinary course of events large and important transfers of property have been legitimately made, and for reasons stated above there can be little doubt that increased facilities for trading purposes have in several instances greatly enhanced the value of special lots. It is not however with legitimate and perfectly fair and honorable trading that we now propose to deal, but with the triumphal up *bagus* sales, the reckless and discreditable gambling, which can only end in one way. A few years ago the gambling propensities of a certain class of the community gave the colony quite an unenviable notoriety. The mediums of speculation in those days were opium and quicksilver, and it will be remembered that some very shady transactions in connection with the traffic in these commodities were brought to light. The Chinese gamblers eventually played the game until it became threadbare, and from that time, so far as foreigners were concerned, Othello's occupation was gone. House and landed properties are at the present time being speculated in, on exactly the same lines as the old business in opium and quicksilver. Let us illustrate the exact position of affairs hypothetically. A. has a house for sale, price \$5,000; B. becomes the purchaser at that figure, paying \$500, all the money he can beg and borrow, on account of purchase, and agreeing to pay the balance in two months. The following day B. sells the house to C. for \$6,000, receiving an instalment of \$500, and a promise of the balance in six weeks. D. next appears on the scene, and at \$7,000 becomes the lucky possessor of the house; but like the others D. does not happen to possess one-tenth of the purchase-money, and so he pays a small sum on account, and agrees to pay the balance in a month like the others relying on selling at a profit before full payment becomes due. As we are acquainted with several cases in which property has been transferred ten different times within two months, the transactions being identical with the case illustrated above, our readers can judge for themselves of the genuineness of the whole movement. We have described the *modus operandi* which applies not merely to one isolated case, but to thirty-nine out of every forty of the sales publicly reported. This "bulling" and "bearing" would be reprehensible under any circumstances, as a flagrant violation of every sound principle of commercial morality; but in the hands of a crowd of unscrupulous men of straw of every nationality it is not difficult to foresee that a crash, which will shake public confidence considerably when all the incidental circumstances in connection with the whole business are publicly exposed in detail, must inevitably come. It is quite true that several foreign firms of high standing are up to their necks in this business. The active agents in this, as in all other schemes of a like nature, are the compradores of well known houses. Money has been made, on paper at least, in immense quantities, and it is equally certain that any number of impecunious speculators have incurred responsibilities which they have no possible means of meeting excepting by realising a profit, and it is clearly impossible that this game can

emulate Tennyson's brook by going on for ever.

These transactions have not in the slightest degree been conducted on any sound business principles. When a man, who could not raise a thousand dollars to save his soul becomes the ostensible proprietor of certain property for sixty thousand dollars, by paying two or three hundred as an instalment, the rental at that price showing a return of considerably less than one per cent. per annum, the inference is obvious. It is a reckless speculation, a *bogus* transaction, the ratification of which depends entirely on chance. Trade prospects must have been materially injured in many respects, in so much as rents, already exorbitantly high, have been generally raised in all houses speculated in. This, to many industrious tradesmen, is a great hardship, for which there is apparently no remedy. However, a day of retribution is most certainly near at hand, and we are simply performing a duty, in thus briefly exposing the real facts of what is unquestionably a grievous commercial scandal in such a community as ours.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The repairs to the German schooner *Wagrien*, which came in dismasted the other day, will be executed at the Patent Slip, Belcher's Bay. It is intended to place the schooner on the Slip immediately the barque *Oswald* comes off.

The German barque *Oswald* will be placed on the Patent Slip at Belcher's Bay, either this evening or early tomorrow morning. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Malacca*, and the American ship *Hoogly* will dock at Kowloon and Sam-shui-po, respectively tomorrow.

The following is the Programme of music to be performed in the Botanic Gardens this evening, if the weather is sufficiently settled to admit of the Band's departure from their quarters:—

March....."Erie".....Bosquitt.
Overture....."Mirella".....Gounod.
Valse....."At the Ferry".....D'Albert.
Selection....."Stars".....Flotow.
Valse....."H.M.S. Pinafore".....Sullivan.
March (vocal)....."Let the Hills resound".....Richards.

We are very glad to hear that the English Government have at last taken a decided stand in our commercial relations with France. It is authoritatively stated that the French Government have invited the Cabinet of St. James's to resume the negotiations for a new treaty of commerce which French obduracy broke off a few weeks ago; but Her Majesty's Government have respectfully declined to do so.

The British steamer *Ash*, Captain Lucock, arrived here this morning from Chinkiang en route to Canton, and reports having experienced on the 26th and 27th ultimo strong S.E. gale and heavy sea, ship being unable to make any progress, in which she lost trysails and the cargo shifted. The gale moderated on the 28th, and on the 31st put into Swatow for coals; left same day with fresh southerly winds and much rain.

We observe that in the House of Commons on Thursday July 25th no less than forty-two questions were on the paper. This would appear to indicate that with Irish obstruction and factions opposition, Her Majesty's Minister must have had lively times of it lately. In connection with the above it is worthy of notice that on July 28th only 24 public Acts had received the Royal assent, and 160 local statutes, in nearly seven months. Sweeping changes in parliamentary procedure are imperatively called for.

Latest home papers state that the review of Scotch Volunteers by Her Majesty in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, fixed for August 25th was certain to prove the finest turnout of the kind ever seen in Scotland. Thirty-six thousand men of all ranks were expected to assemble under arms. As the number of volunteers present at the grand review in 1860 only reached 20,000 men, it would seem that the movement has made giant strides in public favour during the last twenty years.

From the *Journal des Colonies* we gather the following:—Right Rev. Manuel Lourenço de Gouvea, dean of the Sé de Macao, who resided in that city for the last thirty years, and had to embark for home in May last in consequence of ill-health, arrived there on the 8th July. He made no progress during the voyage, and is at present the guest of his old friend Mr. Carlos Caldeira, and it is presumed he is now recovering his health.—In virtue of the decree of 13th July the barrister-at-law José Antonio Pestana da Silva was appointed to the post of Chief Justice of Timor.

The utter corruption of Parliamentary elections in England was never more forcibly demonstrated than by the recent trials at the Chester Assizes. On July 28th William Mair, solicitor and agent for the Liberal candidates at the Macclesfield election, was found guilty of bribery, but for some incomprehensible reason, probably because the prisoner was a semi-respectable scoundrel, the jury recommended him to mercy. Sentence was deferred, as also that on Mr. May, the Conservative Agent, who had been convicted on the previous day. There would appear to have been very little honesty either in Whig or Tory in this particular election.

In the Supreme Court yesterday their Lordships gave judgment in the lottery ticket case. The appellant, having been convicted of keeping a lottery agency, was fined \$200, and a large number of Manila lottery tickets and others which had been seized were ordered by the magistrate to be confiscated. Practically the fine was not appealed against. As to the confiscation of the tickets their Lordships decided that the Ordinance gave no power of confiscation; that a distinction was drawn between public gambling houses and lottery agencies, and that the confiscatory power applied only to the former. It was therefore unnecessary for the Court to decide whether Manila lottery tickets were implements of gambling or not, since in either case their seizure was wrong. The order of the magistrate must therefore be amended by striking out the forfeiture clause. The appellant was entitled to the costs of appeal.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are taken from the *Straits Times Extra*:—

London, 9th August.

Sir Charles Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons said the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg had been officially informed that the country immediately surrounding Askabad is the southern boundary of Tekke oasis annexed by Russia.

General Skobeleff's successor, General Robeleff, has established his headquarters at Askabad, and there may be a few troops at Gowers, and some had advanced as far as Fultabad, but had returned.

Sir Charles Dilke said that, pending more exact information, he must decline to express an opinion, whether, or how far, the Russian advance trenches upon Persian territory.

London, 10th August.

Lord Hartington, replying to a question, said that, according to reports of the Portuguese authorities, the results of the Goa treaty were very satisfactory. His Lordship said he was awaiting the report of the Indian Government on the subject.

St. Petersburg, 9th August.

The semi-official *Journal de St. Petersburg* announces that the Russian Government have entered into no engagement regarding Merv, Russia only wishes for the security of her frontier in Asia.—Nevertheless she respects the susceptibilities of the British Government; and believes that the friendly relations existing with Great Britain will terminate the former fatal antagonism, and establish solidarity between Russia and England.

London, 11th August.

The *Standard* publishes a paragraph stating that the abolition of the Bombay and Madras Commanders-in-Chief and the division of India into four Army Corps is likely to be carried out early next year. General Hardinge will command the Bombay division, General Roberts the Madras, and General Bright the Bengal. The remaining

vacancy will be reserved for a General of the local army, or the Indian Staff Corps.

London, 12th August.

The *Daily News* publishes a telegram from Mr. O'Donovan at Moshed, stating that before leaving Merv, a Council of the whole of the Tekke Chiefs desired him to deny the rumoured negotiations between them and Russia. No Merv elders, they said, had visited St. Petersburg. The telegram adds that the Persian Government seems very anxious for an alliance with the Merv Chiefs, who, however, strongly object.

After a long and animated debate, during which the extreme Home Rule members accused the Government of making further treacherous concessions to the Lords, the Land Bill was returned to the Upper House at four o'clock this morning. The House then adjourned.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, replying to a question, said it had been decided to sever no part of the Transvaal.

London, 13th August.

The House of Lords by large majorities have dissented from the Commons' amendments to the Irish Land Bill, and have insisted on their own amendments being accepted. Lord Salisbury has unexpectedly assumed a most uncompromising tone. Lord Granville has solemnly protested against Lord Salisbury's attitude. The Commons will reconsider the Land Bill on Monday. The attitude of Government is very firm. The *Standard* condemns the action of the Lords, and urges moderate counsels.

Mr. Ritchie, member for the Tower Hamlets, introduced a motion in the House of Commons this evening, condemning any treaty with France establishing specific duties. Government announced that they will not conclude any treaty prejudicial to British trade.

Alexandria, 13th August.

A ministerial crisis is taking place here, resulting from the discontent manifested in the army. Osman Pasha Refki, Minister of War, has been dismissed. The Khedive desires to assume the presidency of the Council.

London, 15th August.

Liberal meetings are held throughout the country urging the Government to maintain a firm policy.

The excitement owing to the action of the House of Lords is less than was expected.

The *Morning Post* supports Lord Salisbury's attitude.

London, 15th August.

Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons this evening moved that the amendments of the Lords to the Irish Land Bill should be considered, but he made no statement respecting the intentions of the Government.

London, 16th August.

In the House of Commons last night several of the Lords' amendments to the Land Bill were rejected; others were modified; whilst a few were adopted by a large majority, including the amendment eliminating Mr. Parnell's clause suspending proceedings for debt pending a declaration of judicial rent. The extreme Home Rule members raised serious objections and accused the Government of secret compromise with the Opposition. The Land Bill was returned again to the Lords.

London, 16th August.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. MacCoan, member for Wicklow, suggested the expedience of disbanding the Egyptian army and replacing it by a gendarmerie. Sir Charles Dilke in reply, said that the gravity of circumstances in the background precluded him from giving any answer on the subject.

AFGHAN NEWS.

Quetta, 31st July.

Travellers from Kandahar bring the news that Sirdar Shamsuddin Khan and the rest of the Ameer's officials left Kandahar early on the morning of the 27th, it is supposed for Kabul. Sirdar Mahomed Hussain Khan, one of the Kandahar Sirdars who did us good service while we were in Kandahar, then assumed charge of the city, and maintained order until Hashim Khan arrived a few hours later with 60 or 75 sowars and took peaceful possession. Everything is perfectly quiet in and around Quetta and Peshin. A wing and the headquarters of the 63rd Foot left Quetta yesterday for Peshin, two companies going to Gulistan and two

to Killa Abdulla. The other four companies are in camp on the Kojah. A wing of the 9th Bombay Infantry and two squadrons of the 2nd Sind Horse marched at the same time.

Simla, 2nd August.
Ayub Khan entered Kandahar on the 30th July. His infantry and guns are in the citadel, and his cavalry in the cantonment. Before his arrival nineteen Sowars and Hazaras were murdered in the streets by the Afghan populace.

Shamsuddin Khan is reported to have been taken prisoner, but this requires confirmation.

Simla, 4th August.
The report of Shamsuddin's capture has been confirmed. He was made prisoner by Kabul soldiers when they saw themselves deserted by their Commander. It is not known whether Kazi Saadeen has escaped or not. The report of nineteen persons having been mutilated in the Kandahar streets has been denied. The city and country are now said to be quiet and tranquil. All is quiet about Pishin.

Simla, 5th August.
Ayub has formed two regiments out of the Amir's troops who went over to him. A party of horse is stationed at Takht-i-Pul, 25 miles south of Kandahar, to guard the road and examine the travellers. Road unguarded between Takht-i-Pul and Chaman.

Simla, 6th August.
Further accounts of the action at Karez-i-Atta have been received. At Chaman it is said that at the beginning of the fight the right wing of Ayub's force was completely defeated and driven off the ground, and that some of his baggage was plundered. The defection of the Khanabad regiment decided the day. Sirdar Muhammad Hashim Khan has been made Governor of Kandahar. All is quiet there and about Chaman.

Simla, 8th August.
All reported quiet in Kandahar. The bulk of Amir's infantry eventually joined Ayub after the battle, and accompanied him to Kandahar. Two days later a complete regiment deserted during the night and went off to Kelat. The remainder of the Kabul troops are kept in the city and closely watched.

Ayub Khan is said to be distributing the men of the Kabul regiments among his own infantry, and to have disarmed and dismissed 400 Kabul soldiers.

A Drani Chief with some sowars was sent by Ayub to take possession of Celat-i-Gilzai, but finding a number of the Amir's troops collected there, the Chief returned to Kandahar.

Simla, 10th August.
All remains quiet in Kandahar, though some discontent is reported among the Duranis on account of forcible enlistments, and the close search being made for arms with which Ayub Khan is said to be badly provided.

Reinforcements are said to be on their way from Kabul to Kelat-i-Gilzai.

Simla, 11th August.
Ayub Khan is said to have invited voluntary contributions from the merchants in Kandahar, and it is reported that a regular assessment will be made. Old soldiers are being re-enlisted. All remains quiet within our border, but thieves are giving some trouble just beyond it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

THE "TELEGRAPH" LIBEL CASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Sir,—You will permit a friend to offer you his congratulations on the manner in which you have accepted a verdict which public opinion appears to consider contrary to the weight of evidence laid before the Court. The article on Monday's *Telegraph* is conclusive evidence of your *bona fides* in everything connected with recent proceedings, and from its manly tone will no doubt gain upon many friends. Personally I appreciate the motives which evidently influenced you in acting so handsomely towards your late opponents; but I fancy your generosity was entirely uncalculated for, and number of my acquaintances, with whom I have discussed the *pros* and *cons* of the case agree with me.

Do not consider me impertinent, but your line of defence, although straightforward enough, was not judicious. Very probably you considered that you had sufficient evidence to fully and practically substantiate your right, from statements made to you by independent witnesses, to submit to the

public the inferences contained in your article. Your principal witness proved, as the Judge remarked more than once, an unwilling witness, and no doubt he was. Unless you were quite certain of proving collusion between the persons named (which I, taking a legal view of the cases think you actually did, so far at least as the plaintiff was concerned, and that was all you wanted to prove), your proper course would have been to plead that if your article was defamatory, it was published without actual malice or gross negligence, what you had written was justified under the circumstances and was substantially true; that you were willing to publicly withdraw the conspiracy inferences, which were not, as a matter of fact, intended as a definite charge, and that you had paid into court \$10 which was enough to satisfy the plaintiff's claim.

The weakness of your defence, for which I presume, you must be held responsible, became apparent when, under cross-examination you evidently wished to repudiate the course of action laid down in your pleadings. No doubt this had a great deal of influence with the gentlemen of the jury. Again, why did you not subpoena the sub-Editor of the *China Mail*? It was certainly proved even without the assistance of that gentleman, who certainly did not show in very bright colors, that the plaintiff had been working with him in some way, and with all respect for the opinion of his lordship, I think this was rather more than a "flimsy" piece of evidence. Why were Messrs. De Souza and Luback not questioned as to what took place at the interview in the printer's office? Had you proved that the plaintiff had deliberately perjured himself even on a trivial matter like this, the rest of his evidence would have been of little value. I notice that Mr. Herbst, according to your evidence given on oath, was present when the plaintiff called at the printing office. The plaintiff on oath distinctly denied this. If Mr. Herbst was not called at the proper time, his lordship, had he been applied to, could hardly have refused to allow you to produce rebutting evidence. At least I am justified in believing so from personal experience at home. This was not a vital matter, but Mr. Herbst's evidence would have corroborated your evidence, and in a corresponding ratio damaged your opponent's. The discussion at the tiffin table ought to have been cleared up. It is, I am informed by persons who ought to know, perfectly correct what you stated with reference to your relations with Mr. Keswick, and you could have proved it, which must have confirmed to a great extent the rest of your statement. These small matters, trivial in themselves frequently amount to a great deal collectively, and I think in this instance would have materially changed the appearance of the case. The plaintiff's meetings with Mr. De Souza after legal proceedings had been initiated might have been legitimate, and nothing was proved to the contrary, but inferences could have been drawn from this apparent reconciliation at a critical period with a gentleman in whom he had previously affirmed he would have no more confidence. It was proved that the plaintiff and the two other gentlemen had on several occasions discussed the affairs of your newspaper, and the information supplied by Mr. Robert Smith to the plaintiff respecting the article even before it was published, was an important admission which ought to have been pressed home. The old law maxim *veritas nihil veretur nisi abscondi* should have been remembered.

Mr. Francis certainly made a very eloquent and telling address to the jury, saving excepting his references to an apology, which at that late hour of the day, could do no earthly good. A verdict for the plaintiff was inevitable from that moment. But what was Mr. Francis about to allow the verdict to pass unchallenged? As soon as the foreman of the jury gave the finding that the libel had been published *without malice*, good grounds besides that of privilege existed for a challenge. As the charge against you was for falsely and maliciously publishing a libel, the finding of the jury that there was no malice, altogether apart from the question of privilege, was practically an acquittal. How the jury could award the amount of damages they actually did award after finding *without malice* is certainly a noteworthy incident.

I presume your barrister will argue the question of privilege, and although even this celebrated case in which the Bishop of Sodor and Man was defendant hardly goes so far as this one, there is no reason why you might not, under all circumstances, establish your claim of privilege. The plaintiff is not a public man as the term is generally understood, but as he declined to answer questions, which if answered in the affirmative would have to some considerable extent placed him on the same level as a newspaper man, a writer in the public newspapers discussing public subjects, a fairly good case justifying publication might easily enough be established. Why should this case not be made a precedent of privilege? I have a strong opinion that many judges in England would be inclined to consider the article privileged, viewing the whole case as it stands.

You have apparently good grounds for an appeal if you feel so inclined. I hardly

think you could obtain a rule for misdirection by the judge; but on the grounds that the verdict is against the weight of evidence, and that in consideration of the finding *without malice* the amount of damages awarded is excessive, you would probably succeed in obtaining a rule for a new trial.

The case is a very interesting one to that portion of the public which admires independence, and who happen to be acquainted with the actual difficulties you have had to contend against in establishing your newspaper, and I would therefore really like to see the issue fought out fairly to the end. I believe I am betraying no secret in stating that a number of the admirers of your straightforward conduct intend publicly presenting you with the amount you have been cast for as damages and costs, to show their opinions on the case; and if you decide to appeal, and will conduct your case personally I will guarantee, in the event of failure, that the whole of the expenses will be paid for you. Apologising for trespassing at such length on your valuable space, and enclosing my card,—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

AN ADMIRER OF FAIR-PLAY.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1881.

[We are very grateful to our correspondent for his well meant advice and good wishes. We have, however, no intention of appealing against the verdict already given. Not that we have any doubt as to the ultimate result, but simply because *le jeu n'en vaut pas la chandelle*. Notwithstanding an adverse verdict, the article served the end intended, and it is gratifying to learn that our motives have not been misunderstood. Our friends have shown us great kindness, and we thank them for it.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, September 2nd, 1881.
One o'clock P.M.

Hotels and Banks are still playing the leading rôles on the Stock Exchange. Our remarks in yesterday's issue referring to Banks were quickly verified, a fair amount of business being booked during the afternoon at 110, and afterwards at 111 per cent. premium. A lot of transactions have also to be recorded this morning, several hundreds of shares changing hands at 112. As all these sales have been for cash, the genuine position now held by the stock cannot be questioned. A tremendous run on Hotels, shortly after we went to press yesterday, quickly brought them up to 110 per share, and at 112 a few sales were effected last night, and also this morning. The stock is still remarkably steady, and has apparently an upward tendency, although we have been unable to ascertain on what grounds the demand for these shares has increased to such an extent. It is a significant circumstance however, and one worth noting, that a very large number of Hotel shares are drifting to one quarter. If it is intended to sell the property to Chinese, now is the golden opportunity. It has been reported to us this morning that property to the value of upwards of one million dollars has nominally changed hands within the last few days, so that if a legitimate offer could be obtained for the Hotel the chance should not be missed, as it is positively certain that these bubble sales will burst up before long, bringing ruin to scores, we might almost say hundreds, of deluded victims. When the crash does come a great deterioration in the value of property is a natural result, so we would recommend the Hotel Directors not to leave over till to-morrow what they can do so well to-day. Docks are still weak at 44 per cent. premium ex dividend, and general opinion seems inclined to believe that they have yet to go lower before much business ensues. Steamboats are also weak at 23, sellers vainly endeavouring to obtain that price. We have not heard any other stocks mentioned, so must refer our readers to the annexed list of quotations, corrected up to the time of our going to press, for all requisites particulars.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—112 per cent. premium, ex div., Sales.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share, ex div.
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 830 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$305 per share, Buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$295 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$290 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—44% premium, ex div., Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$23 per share premium, Sellers.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112 per share, Sales.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$150 per share, Ex. Div.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent premium.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$126 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43 per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—4% premium, Buyers.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3½% premium.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 2, *Ash*, British steamer, 919, R. Lucock, Chinkiang 24th August, and Swatow 31st, Wheat and Rice.—Wieler & Co.
Sept. 2, *Suez*, British steamer, 1,390, W. M. Dodd, Calcutta and Straits, 18th Aug., Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 1, *Omanie*, British steamer, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
Sept. 1, *Nautilus*, German steamer, for Newchwang.
Sept. 1, *Vortigera*, British steamer, for Batavia.
Sept. 1, *Killarney*, British steamer, for Singapore.
Sept. 1, *Ningpo*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Sept. 2, *Marie Alfred*, French bark, for Quinboon.
Sept. 2, *Ash*, British steamer for Canton.
Sept. 2, *Esperanza*, French bark, for Hilo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per British steamer *Ash*, from Chinkiang and Swatow, 1 Chinese.
Per British steamer *Suez*, from Calcutta, &c., 260 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Oceanic*, British steamer, for Yokohama and San Francisco, 5 Europeans and 648 Chinese.
Per *Vortigera*, British steamer, for Batavia, 6 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per British steamer *Ancona*, from Hongkong—For Southampton.—Mrs. Walkinshaw and 3 infants, Rev. John P. Griffiths, Messrs. Harton, John Ritchie, A. Pearce, R.N., Poweroy, and Chas. Baker. For Venice.—Mr. J. H. Drought and Mr. Sanderson.—For Penang.—Lieut. R. C. Cox, R.I.F. For Singapore.—Mr. John M. Forbes, Jun., and Major J. E. Foster. From Shanghai for Singapore.—Captain C. A. Powell, Messrs. H. Whitehead and C. Grant. From Shanghai for Southampton.—Mr. H. Salisbury and 36 men (ex Chinese gunboat).

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Suez*, Captain W. M. Dodd, from Calcutta and Straits, which arrived this morning reports:—Left Calcutta 18th, Sand Head 19th, arrived at and sailed from Penang 24th, arrived Singapore on the 26th and sailed at 8 p.m. on the 27th, arrived at Hongkong at 5 a.m. to-day. Had light S.W. monsoon and fine weather up the China sea.

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Old Tom, Swain } per doz. btl. \$3.75

and Boord ... }

AVH Gin... per case of 15. btl. \$5.00

Eucalypsinthe... per doz. qts. \$12.00

Assorted Syrup (from Bordeaux) } \$8.50

per dozen bottles ... }

Amer. Africain, } per doz. qts. \$8.50

G. Picon ... }

Fine Champagne Brandy, per gallon \$3.25

Best French Preserves always on hand.

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Best French Bread supplied to all parts

of the Town every morning.

French Pilot Bread guaranteed to keep

for 15 days in good condition.

Hard Bread or Biscuit... per lb. \$0.05

" best quality " } ... per lb. \$0.08

Best American Flour per } \$10.00

barrel of 200 lbs. ... }

Do. ½ sack of 100 lbs. ... \$4.00

Do. ¼ sack of 50 lbs. ... \$2.00

For smaller quantity } per lb. \$0.05

under 50 lbs. ... }

Soda Biscuit ... per lb. \$0.08

Cabin Biscuit ... per lb. \$0.06

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P. and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Government Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to Kollott's Island.

Vessels.	Section.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Steamers.						
Ancona	3	Sept. 1	Stead	British	1974	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Anger Head	3	Aug. 23	A. Roper	British	1299	D. Lapraik & Co.
Danube	2	Aug. 29	Clanchy	British	561	Yuen Fat Hong.
Decima	4	Aug. 24	Pertersen	German	1151	Siemssen & Co.
Diamante	3	Aug. 30	Cullen	British	514	Russell & Co.
Diomed	3	Sept. 1	Jackson	British	1240	Butterfield & Swire.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dock Co.
Hailoong	*	May 18	Hunter	British	277	D. Lapraik & Co.
Hesperia	†	Aug. 30	Petersen	German	1136	Siemssen & Co.
Kang-chi	3	Aug. 31	Marsden	Chinese	680	C. M. S. N. Co.
Lido	3	Aug. 24	Puddicombe	British	620	Kung Onn.
Mizapore	2	Sept. 1	Perrins	British	2370	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Olympia	2	Aug. 28	Wagner	German	810	Siemssen & Co.
Peking	4	Aug. 30	Aubin	British	954	Siemssen & Co.
Quinta	5	Aug. 26	Thomson	German	874	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Traders Co.
Shun Tip	3	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain.
Suez	3	Sept. 2	W. M. Dodd	British	1390	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Takasago Maru	3	Aug. 31	Young	Japanese	1230	M. B. M. S. S. Co.
T. J. Gervase	3	Aug. 15	Grainger	British	417	Siemssen & Co.
Tunis	3	Aug. 15	Irvine	British	886	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Yee-Tay	3	July 7	Leo Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.